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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Organizing Ourselves for the House Select
Committee on Intelligence

1. Action Requested: Acquaint yourself with the attached proposal for establishing an interface for the new House Select Committee on Intelligence.

2. Background: This plan was requested by you.

3. Staff Position: The attached paper was developed by the Office of Legislative Counsel. I would add the following comments:

a. I believe you should do the briefing mentioned in paragraph 1 and other attendees should be held to the absolute minimum. George Cary, as your legislative extension, I believe should be present.

b. I believe the dinner suggested in paragraph 2 is in order and I would suggest attendees be held to the heads of the Intelligence Community agencies plus your three senior deputies, i.e., McMahon, Bowie, and whoever at the time is DDCI. I think at a later date such session can be held for CIA per se at which time the Agency Deputy Directors should be present.

c. Re paragraph 3, I believe you can discuss during your first session with the chairman and the ranking minority member the need to have early-on discussions on the matters of authorization and a covert action briefing (paragraph 4) and those arrangements can be mutually worked out.

d. While the matter of travel should eventually be brought up, I would hope we could do some education with the members before they hit the road.

/s/ John F. Blake

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Attachment

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GAME PLAN - HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

25X1 1. ☐ Chairman and Ranking Minority Member -

-- As soon as we can confirm who will be the Ranking Minority Member (probably Representative Robert McClory (R., Ill.)), the DCI should invite him and the Chairman to the Agency. The objective of this session would be: extension of courtesy; review of functions and organization (Representative McClory will be ahead of Representative Boland as a result of his Pike Committee membership); commitment for full cooperation; discussion of the security guidelines to be followed (e.g., a Memorandum of Understanding and Nondisclosure Agreement and methods of handling extremely sensitive information, such as sensitive collection and covert action).

25X1 2. ☐ Full Committee -

-- When the full Committee and its Staff Director have been selected, we should schedule a dinner session at Headquarters, attended by other senior officials, e.g., Deputy Directors for Agency and senior officials from the Intelligence Community, for a short functional and organizational briefing, looking towards a series of briefings (possibly breakfast) to supplement this orientation.

25X1 3. ☐ Authorization -

-- As a further process of education and to prepare the Committee members for the FY 79 role they will have in authorizing funds, we could suggest the holding of a series of authorization-type hearings on the programs that make up the NFIP, indicating the funds that were approved for FY 78.

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4. ☐ Covert Action Briefing -

- We should provide the Committee an early covert action briefing covering all programs authorized under Hughes/Ryan. As part of this session, we should seek to work out guidelines in support of the exclusive jurisdiction concept and enlist support for more exclusive and secure handling of Hughes/Ryan and Case Act requirements.

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5. ☐ Travel -

- We should be prepared to invite all members to visit Intelligence Community facilities within their congressional districts and possibly encourage trips abroad in the company of senior Committee staffers and Agency representatives to familiarize themselves with overseas activities.

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6. ☐ Substantive Information -

- Make early arrangements for the transmittal of NID.
- Make early arrangements for identifying and scheduling periodic and regular substantive intelligence briefings.

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7. ☐ Concurrently with the Above -

- There would be an intensive effort to bring the Staff Director and staff up to speed in all areas.

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